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Amendment of the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 48 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any defects have been found in working the State Aid to Industries Act ;

(b) if so, what ;

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken to amend the Act ; and

(d) in which directions amendments are sought ?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (1) of question No. 257 answered on 27th August 1927. It has also been brought to notice that section 9 of the Act is restrictive in that aid cannot be given to enterprises which have no initial industrial assets while applying for aid.

(c) & (d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the amending Bill proposed to be moved during this session of the Council. The Government have also under consideration the question of amending section 9 of the Act.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire what defects have been found in section 9 which necessitates its amendment ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" The amending Bill that will be introduced will make it clear."

Establishment of a Trades School at Mangalore.

* 49 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state when the Trades School proposed to be established at Mangalore will start work ?

A.—It is the intention to open the school as soon as funds become available.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the matter was placed before the Finance Committee when the budget was prepared for the current year ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" When are the funds expected to be available, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Setoratnam Ayyar :—" At the time of the next budget, Sir."

Veterinary

Opening of veterinary hospitals in Kistna district.

* 50 Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to open more veterinary hospitals in the Kistna district ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of opening one at Vuyyur ?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) The question does not arise.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" Are the Government aware that more veterinary hospitals are needed in the district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Census

Kanarese-speaking population in Coimbatore, Malabar and other districts.

51 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Kanarese-speaking population of each taluk and the names of villages in each taluk with their population wherein the majority speak Kanarese in each of the districts of Malabar, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot, Chittoor and Anantapur ; and

(*b*) the names and population of the villages of the taluks of Adoni, Rayadrug and Alur of the Bellary district who speak Kanarese and Telugu respectively ?

A.—Figures are not available from the Census records of the Kanarese-speaking population in each taluk and village of the Malabar, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot, Chittoor, Anantapur and Bellary districts.

Irrigation

The Odugathur Valley Scheme (North Arcot district).

52 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table the papers connected with the Odugathur Valley Scheme (North Arcot district) ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) whether there is any rule of Government that every new scheme for the construction of a tank should yield a certain percentage of interest ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the scheme will bring about 1,500 acres of land under wet cultivation ;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to construct the tank in the Melarasambut hills ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to examine the question and see if a larger area cannot be brought under wet cultivation when the tank is constructed ?

A.—(i) The papers are laid on the table.[a]

(ii) (*a*) The Government of India have laid down a rule under which productive works financed from loan funds should give a return of 6 per cent on the sum at charge including arrears of simple interest, within ten years after completion.

[a] Printed as Appendix V at pages 109—112 infra.